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Reports of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from decision S-4/101 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth special session in 2006 (A/61/530/Add.2) and on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Council at its fourth session in 2007 (A/61/530/Add.3)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee has considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from decision S-4/101 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth special session in 2006 (A/61/530/Add.2) and on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Council at its fourth session in 2007 (A/61/530/Add.3).

2. As noted in the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from decision S-4/101 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth special session in 2006 (A/61/530/Add.2), the adoption of the decision gives rise to estimated requirements in the amount of $347,200 for the biennium 2006-2007 to implement the activities outlined in paragraph 5 of the report of the Secretary-General.

3. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 7 of the report that revised programme budget implications were not presented prior to the introduction and adoption of the draft decision presented by the President of the Human Rights Council. Consequently, the Council was informed that the General Assembly would be informed of the estimated resources required to implement the decision (see A/HRC/S-4/5, para. 12). It is envisaged that the estimated expenditures will be accommodated from within existing resources under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

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4. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly take note of the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General (A/61/530/Add.2).**

5. As noted in the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth session in 2007 (A/61/530/Add.3), the adoption of resolutions 4/4 and 4/8 gives rise to estimated requirements of $434,600. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Council was provided with a statement of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of the resolutions.

6. A summary of the requirements is provided in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General. With regard to Council resolution 4/8, the Secretary-General intends to accommodate $360,300, to the extent possible, from within the resources already appropriated under the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. Any additional requirements would be reported in the context of the second performance report of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. With regard to Council resolution 4/4, an amount of $74,300 is projected to be required for the biennium 2008-2009 and will be considered in accordance with established procedures under General Assembly resolutions 41/213 and 42/211.

7. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly take note of the fact that the implementation of Council resolution 4/8 would give rise to additional requirements in the amount of $360,300 under sections 2, 23 and 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, which would be accommodated, to the extent possible, within the existing appropriation, and that the Secretary-General intends to report in the context of the second performance report of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 on any additional requirements (A/61/530/Add.3, sect. IV (a)).**

8. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly take note of the fact that the implementation of Council resolution 4/4 would give rise to additional requirements in the amount of $74,300 under sections 2, 23 and 28E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, and that those requirements would be considered when the Assembly takes up the proposed 2008-2009 programme budget and the related contingency fund (A/61/530/Add.3, sect. IV (b)).**